

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (original): An isolated polypeptide consisting of a truncated NS2/3 protease as defined according to SEQ ID. NO: 4 or 10.

Claim 4 (previously presented): An isolated polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence that has 90% identity over its length compared to the polypeptide as defined according to SEQ ID. NO: 4 or 10.

Claim 5 (original): An isolated polypeptide consisting of a truncated NS2/3 protease selected from the group consisting of: a sequence as defined according to SEQ ID. NOs: 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Claims 6 – 7 (cancelled).